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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND AMENDMENT

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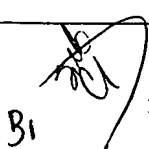
This paper response to the Restriction Requirement mailed May 23, 2002 (Paper No. 12). Attached herewith is a Petition for an Extension of Time of Three Months and corresponding fee, extending the period of response to September 23, 2002.

Please amend the specification as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 17, 19, 24, and 29.

Please replace claims 1, 18, 20, and 25 as follows:

31  1. (Amended) A method for inhibiting the action of TNF- α for treating nerve disorders in a subject by administering a TNF- α inhibitor comprising administering to said subject a therapeutically effective dosage of said TNF- α inhibitor wherein said TNF- α inhibitor is CDP-870.